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Argentina: Buenos Aires is planning to send an official mission to Communist China soon to promote sales of wheat and corn.

The under secretary of agriculture has confirmed that plans for sending the mission are in an advanced stage. The mission will include representatives from two government secretariats and from the private sector.

Last May Argentina sold 100,000 metric tons of corn to the Chinese. Under the previous government, more than 1.5 million metric tons of wheat were sold to China for hard currency.

Press critics of the Ongania regime have questioned the wisdom of the mission in view of Argentina's modest wheat surplus this year, but have not attacked the proposed sale on ideological grounds. The government may be looking to China as an alternate market for its wheat surplus, if sales to Brazil, the traditional buyer, fall through.

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Bahamas-UK: The Bahamian Government seems prepared to press for early independence if London continues to resist its demands for more self-government.

The Bahamians want the powers of the colonial governor restricted and responsibility for their own internal security. The Bahamians are also apparently demanding control over their foreign exchange reserves. The British appear to have decided not to grant these demands.

The US consul general believes that Premier Pindling would prefer to delay independence for a few years, but is prepared to assume independence sooner if a reasonable compromise cannot be worked out. Pindling may call an early election to strengthen his position at the formal constitutional conference which will probably be held this spring. His government has only a one-seat majority.

The British are prepared to compromise slightly, but it is not certain that this will satisfy the Bahamians.

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Brazil: President Costa e Silva flatly told Ambassador Tuthill that Brazil will buy US F-5s and that he has no intention of buying French Mirages. He has instructed the air minister to work out details on technical components. The President expressed "relaxed confidence" that US legislation curtailing aid to underdeveloped countries if they buy "sophisticated" weapons will not affect Brazil.

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Venezuela: The government believes that a group of rightist military and civilian conspirators may attempt a coup by 22 January. Venezuelan security forces are on alert

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The US Embassy does not consider a successful coup is likely at this time.

Yugoslavia - West Germany: Negotiations on the resumption of diplomatic relations will begin this week, according to an official announcement in Belgrade. The negotiations, which are still ahead of schedule, had been set for a week earlier. The Yugoslavs postponed them, possibly to see how trade talks, which opened in Bonn on 15 January, would go.

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Denmark: Neither Prime Minister Krag's Social Democrats nor the two major non-Socialist parties are expected to receive a clear mandate in the special elections tomorrow. The small parties of the left and left of center are likely to hold the balance of power. Negotiations for the new government will probably be protracted, and prospects are dim for agreement on a strong cabinet capable of dealing with Denmark's pressing economic problems.

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